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RESOLUTIONS

SUBMITTED TO THE

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,

ON THE SUBJECT OF THE

WASTE LANDS AND COMMONS.

RESOLVED,

I. That it appears to this Board, from the Reports of its several Surveyors, that a very considerable proportion of the territory of the United Kingdom, still remains in a waste and unproductive state, though capable of great improvement; and that, in the opinion of the Board, the present scarcity and high price of provisions, call most forcibly on the Legislature, to encourage the bringing of such an extent of valuable land into cultivation.

II. That the improvement of that part of the Kingdom, would be greatly facilitated, by the passing of such Laws, as may render the division of Wastes, where they are in common, less troublesome and expensive.

III. That it is expedient, that application be made to Parliament, to take under its consideration, the best mode of promoting the cultivation and improvement of the Waste Lands of the Kingdom, as one of the most effectual means of preventing future scarcity, of giving employment to the industrious and labouring poor, and of providing for an increase of population.

IV. That particular attention is recommended to those who may bring forward this measure in Parliament, to the protection of the rights of the Cottagers, and smaller Commoners, that they may be enabled to enjoy, with satisfaction and benefit, their several allotments.

V. That these Resolutions be recommended to the immediate and particular attention of His Majesty's Ministers; and that the Board do lay before both Houses of Parliament, or any Committee that may be appointed to take that subject into consideration, all the information, that it has been able to accumulate, in regard to the Waste Lands and Commons.